

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1568, imposing an immediate suspension of assistance to the Government of Indonesia until the results of the August 30, 1999, vote in East Timor have implemented, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Sim Farar, of California, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, Zell Miller, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and Edward W. Stimpson, of Idaho, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 2951–2958; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 67–68, and H. Con. Res. 189, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2910, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002, amended (H. Rept. 106–335);

Conference report on H.R. 2605, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–336);

H.R. 2841, to amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide for greater fiscal autonomy consistent with other United States jurisdictions (H. Rept. 106–337);

S. 944, to amend Public Law 105–188 to provide for the mineral leasing of certain Indian lands in Oklahoma (H. Rept. 106–338);

Conference report on H.R. 2606, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–339);

H.R. 2130, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to add gamma hydroxybutyric acid and ketamine to the schedules of control substances, to provide for a national awareness campaign, amended (H. Rept. 106–340, Pt. 1);

H.R. 1714, to facilitate the use of electronic records and signatures in interstate or foreign commerce, amended (H. Rept. 106–341, Pt. 1) and

H. Res. 305, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 68, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000 (H. Rept. 106–342).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Biggert to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:32 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

National Parks Air Tour Management Act: H.R. 717, amended, to amend title 49, United States Code, to regulate overflights of national parks;

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Technical Corrections to the Centennial of Flight Commemoration Act: S. 1072, to make certain technical and other corrections relating to the Centennial of Flight Commemoration Act (36 U.S.C. 143 note; 112 Stat. 3486 et seq.)—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H8674–77

Small Business Innovation Research Program Reauthorization: H.R. 2392, amended, to amend the Small Business Act to extend the authorization for the Small Business Innovation Research Program;

Pages H8762–67

Foreign Service's 75th Anniversary: H. Res. 168, recognizing the Foreign Service of the United States on the occasion of its 75th anniversary;

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Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Act: H.R. 1934, amended, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to establish the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program; Pages H8777-79

Black Canyon National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area Act: S. 323, amended, to redesignate the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument as a national park and establish the Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area; Pages H8780-86

Providing for Mineral Leasing of Certain Indian Lands in Oklahoma: S. 944, to amend Public Law 105-188 to provide for the mineral leasing of certain Indian lands in Oklahoma—clearing the measure for the President; Pages H8786-87

Amending the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands: H.R. 2841, amended, to amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide for greater fiscal autonomy consistent with other United States jurisdictions; Pages H8787-88

Extending Reenactment of Chapter 12 of Title 11: H.R. 2942, amended, to extend for 6 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code is reenacted. Agreed to amend the title; Pages H8813-15

Sense of Congress Re the European Council Noise Rule: H. Con. Res. 187, amended, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the European Council noise rule affecting hushkitted and reengineered aircraft (agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 402 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 448); Pages H8671-73, H8822

Sense of Congress Re Free, Fair, Transparent, and Peaceful Elections in Haiti: H. Con. Res. 140, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress that Haiti should conduct free, fair, transparent, and peaceful elections (agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 400 yeas to 1 nay with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 449); Pages H8770-77, H8822-23

Conveyance of Certain Lands in San Juan County, New Mexico: S. 293, to direct the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior and to convey certain lands in San Juan County, New Mexico, to San Juan College (passed by a yea and nay vote of 406 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 450)—clearing the measure for the President; and Pages H8779-80, H8823-24

Preserving Affordable Housing for Senior Citizens Into the 21st Century Act: H.R. 202, amended, to restructure the financing for assisted housing for senior citizens and otherwise provide for the preservation of such housing in the 21st Century (passed

by a yea and nay vote of 405 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 451)—agreed to amend the title.

Pages H8788-H8813, H8824

Energy and Water Appropriations Conference Report: The House agreed to H.R. 2605, Conference report on H.R. 2605, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 by a yea and nay vote of 327 yeas to 87 nays, Roll No. 452.

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Library of Congress Trust Fund Board: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Mr. Edwin L. Cox of Dallas, Texas to the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board for a five-year term. Page H8815

Presidential Message—National Emergency re Angola: Read a message from the president wherein he transmitted his 6 month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Angola—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106-132). Page H8815

Recess: The House recessed at 9:49 p.m. and reconvened at 9:50 p.m. Page H8869

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate appear on pages H8667 and H8786.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H8873-74.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8822, H8822-23, H8823-24, H8824, and H8824-25. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

YEAR 2000 COMPUTER PROBLEM AND MEDICARE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on the Year 2000 Computer Problem and Medicare: Is Health Service Delivery at Risk? Testimony was heard from Joel Willemssen, Director, Civil Agencies Information Systems, GAO; Gary Christoph, Chief Information Officer, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing one hour of general debate on H.J. Res. 67, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2000, equally divided and controlled by the